



Governor Charlie Baker has ordered that the United States of America flag and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts flag be lowered to half-staff from sunrise until sunset on Wednesday, July 20, 2022, the day of interment, in honor of United States Marine Corps Sergeant Matthew P. Partyka, of Hingham, MA, who passed away on July 3, 2022.



Sergeant Matthew P. Partyka, United States Marine Corps, Camp Lejeune, NC will be laid to rest at the St. Paul's Cemetery, Hingham, MA on this date.



Matthew P. Partyka was born on 16 October 1996 in Springfield, Massachusetts. He graduated May 2015 from Hingham High School in Hingham, Massachusetts. Son of Gregory and Maureen Partyka and brother to Kathleen Watts and twin sister Caroline Partyka. Matthew enlisted in the Marine Corps on 20 November 2014 and went to recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina on 1 August 2016. After completion of boot camp Private Partyka reported to the School of Infantry on Camp Lejeune, North Carolina on 9 November 2016. With the completion of his training on Camp Lejeune, he reported to Marine Corps Detachment USA Quartermaster School in Fort Lee, Virginia on 17 December 2016 where he was promoted to Private First Class in February 2017. While waiting the start of school Private

First Class Partyka received orders and returned to the School of Infantry on Camp Lejeune, North Carolina on 22 March 2017. Following the graduation at the School of Infantry, he received orders to 2ND Marine Division, 1ST Battalion, 6TH Marines on 5 May 2017.

In September 2017 Private First Class Partyka deployed to Kuwait in support of Operation Inherent Resolve where he was promoted to the rank of Lance Corporal in October 2017. After his return to Camp Lejeune, Lance Corporal Partyka was later promoted to the rank of Corporal in August 2019. In February 2020, Corporal Partyka was deployed to Okinawa, Japan as part of the Unit Deployment Program (UDP) and returned in August 2020. Corporal Partyka was later promoted to the rank of Sergeant in July of 2021. Directly after his promotion, Sergeant Partyka received orders to report to the Marine Corps Basic Recruiters School on 5 July 2021. Sergeant Partyka graduated Basic Recruiters School on 25 August 2021. Upon the completion of school, Sergeant Partyka returned 2nd Marine Division, 1st Battalion, 6th Marines and received orders to the 4th District, Marine Corps Recruiting Command.

In October 2021 Sergeant Partyka departed his current command of 2nd Marine Division, 1st Battalion, 6th Marines on Camp Lejeune, North Carolina and reported to the 4th District Marine Corps Recruiting Command in Lansing, Michigan. Sergeant Partyka's primary mission was to be the face of United States Marine Corps and contribute to the future of the institution. In July 2022, Sergeant Partyka passed away while on leave in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Sergeant Partyka's decorations include:

- Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal

- National Defense Service Medal

- Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal

- Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

- Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (2nd Award)